



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, 17 million Americans suffer from asthma; and

WHEREAS, asthma affects 7-10 percent of all preschool and school-aged children; and

WHEREAS, asthma is the leading cause of children's absence from school and is the fourth leading cause of adult work absences; and

WHEREAS, national costs resulting from asthma, including direct and indirect costs, were \$11.3 billion in 1998; and

WHEREAS, approximately 120,000 Idahoans with asthma suffer varying levels of disability, decreased quality of life, and increased medical costs; and

WHEREAS, in the last ten years Idaho has had 222 deaths attributed to asthma; and

WHEREAS, public health experts predict that inadequate asthma treatment or adherence to treatment may lead to permanent lung damage and even death; and

WHEREAS, May 7, 2002, is World Asthma Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim May 2002 to be

ASTHMA PREVENTION AND CONTROL MONTH

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this sixteenth day of April in the year of our Lord two-thousand and two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-sixth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twelfth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Pete T. Cenarrusa in black ink.

PETE T. CENARRUSA
SECRETARY OF STATE